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We, the undersigned, members of but not speaking on behalf of the Strait of Juan de Fuca Ecosystem Recovery Network (**Strait ERN**), do not support one Stormwater sub action of the Strait Action Area's sixth "packaged" near term actions earlier submitted to the Partnership as part of the update information. The unsupportable piece is *"City of Port Angeles CSO Reduction Stormwater Management Program Update and Projects - CSO Phase 1 Projects - Implement suite of projects to reduce CSO overflow events into the Port Angeles Harbor to one per outfall per year **on average**."* (Emphasis ours)

Having reconsidered how stormwater is currently proposed to be handled by the City, we feel *"City of Port Angeles CSO Reduction Stormwater Management Program Update and Projects - CSO Phase 1 Projects - Implement suite of projects to reduce CSO overflow events into the Port Angeles Harbor to one per outfall per year **on average**"* is counter productive to the goals of the Puget Sound Partnership for restoration of the Sound/Strait.

Whereas CSOs continue to cause stormwater overflows,

Whereas the City of Port Angeles has in place a near citywide stormwater system separate from its sewer system and that these systems should be repaired and expanded to help eliminate overflows,

Whereas on site source separation, low impact development, and other green methods beneficially clean stormwater and recharge our needed water supply – increasing the aquifers and other stormwater reuse methods,

Whereas aquifer recharge and stormwater reuse is gaining rapid importance with increasing global warming for both natural resource, wildlife and human needs,

Whereas green methods can increase the attractiveness of properties, neighborhoods and communities,

Whereas the Partnership is a leader in promoting Low Impact Development and has produced a municipal training manual for implementing LID,

We therefore recommend the LC **not** consider for support *City of Port Angeles CSO Reduction Stormwater Management Program Update and Projects - CSO Phase 1 Projects - Implement suite of projects to reduce CSO overflow events into the Port Angeles Harbor to one per outfall per year on average"*

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